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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda (V) & (M) West Godavari District - Trapped on 22.10.2020 - Sanction for Prosecution – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION(VIG)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.46 **Dated:15.05.2023**

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Josyula Srinivas, worked as Head Master, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda (V) & (M) West Godavari District from 23.08.2017 to 22.10.2020 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

2. Sri Nooli Surya Prakash, S/o. Venkata Kanka Sambhayya, 46 years, Penugonda Mandal, West Godavari District. It is alleged that Sri Nooli Surya Prakash is residing at Penugonda and doing private finance for his livelihood. He studied 8th class to 10th class in ZNVR Aided High School Penugonda and passed out 10th class in the year 1990. On 03-10-2020, while he was going to a Xerox Centre which is on the main road of Penugonda from his residence to get Xerox of his 10th Class Certificate to be submit in the bank for obtaining a loan, he lost the 10th class certificate. As it is necessary for him to obtain bank loan, on the same day he met the Head Master Sri Josyula Srinivas, ZNVR Aided High School and requested to issue duplicate 10th class certificate. On that, the Head Master informed to Sri Nooli Sruya Prakash that he first put up an application in the Mee Seva and also file a report in Police Station and bring Police certificate, then only he will process his application and send the same to the Director of Education, Amaravati and will get duplicate 10th Class Certificate. On that, he went to MeeSeva Centre, Cherukuvada and asked for application, the MeeSeva person informed him that to obtain application, first he has to bring school study certificate. Then, again he met the Head Master and requested to issue school study certificate. On that the Head Master Sri Josyula Srinivas informed him that it is a long process to issue school study certificate and demanded Rs.20,000/-. When Sri Nooli Surya Prakash informed to Sri J.Srinivas, Head Master that he was having only Rs.5000/- at that time, the Head Master Sri J.Srinivas collected Rs.5000/- from Sri Nooli Surya Prakash and instructed him to bring balance Rs.15000/-. After three days, again Sri Nooli Surya Prakash met the Head Master Sri J.Srinivas and enquired about his study certificate, on that the Head Master Sri J.Srinivas asked about the balance amount of Rs.15000/-, then Sri Nooli Surya Prakash informed that he was having only Rs.10000/-, the Head Master Sri J.Srinivas received Rs.10000/- from Sri Nooli Surya Prakash and informed that he will get ready the study certificate and asked him to come later. Again on 09-10-2020, when Sri Nooli Surya Prakash met the Head Master Sri J.Srinivas, he demanded balance amount of Rs.5000/- and he paid the remaining amount of Rs.5000/-, then the Head Master issued the School Study Certificate to Sri Nooli Surya Prakash. On 12-10-2020, he went to Mee Seva Centre, Cherukuvada and submitted application along with copies of study certificate and others and they issued receipt to that effect. Basing on the receipt of the MeeSeva, he went to Penugonda Police Station, file a report and copy of MeeSeva receipt. After verification by the Penugonda Police Station, on 19-10-2020, they issued not traced Certificate through MeeSeva. On 20-10-2020, he met the Head Master Sri J.Srinivas and submitted application for issuing of duplicate 10th Class certificate along with Police Report. On that, the Head Master Sri J.Srinivas demanded another Rs.10,000/- to process his application and to issue duplicate 10th class certificate. As the Head Master previously demanded and received Rs.20,000/- from him to issue school study certificate, now, before he met the Head Master, he opened

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Video/Audio Recorder App in his Redmi 5Pro mobile and kept it in his upper shirt pocket and recorded the conversation i.e. demand of bribe of Rs.10,000/- by the Head Master to process his application and to issue duplicate 10th Class Certificate. As he is not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount as demanded by the Head Master Sri Josyula Srinivas, he copied the Video / Audio conversation in two pen drives through his personal computer and came to Eluru and gave the report to the DSP, ACB, Eluru on 21.10.2020 at 0800 hours with a request to take action against Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master, Zamindar Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda, West Godavari District and do justice.

3. And whereas, the DSP, ACB, Eluru after observing procedural formalities, registered the report as a case in Cr.No.05/RCT-EWG/2020 U/s 7(a) of PC (Amendment) Act 2018 on 22-10-2020 at 06.30 hrs and submitted FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying the trap.

4. And whereas, having completed the pre trap proceedings on 22.10.2020 from 07.00 hours to 9.00 hours, the trap party lead by the DSP, left the ACB offices at about 09.15 hours and reached near to the vicinity of ZNVR High School Penugonda, at about 11.15 hours. On instructions of DSP, ACB Sri Nooli Surya Prakash was proceeded to the office of Head Master, ZNVR High School, Penugonda. Later, Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master, ZNVR High School, Pengugonda was trapped on 22.10.2020 at 11.25 hours, when Sri J.Srinivas, HM further demanded and accepted the bribe Rs.10,000/- from Sri Nooli Surya Prakash as formality for doing the official favour i.e., to process the application of Sri Nooli Surya Prakash for duplicate SSC certificate and to issue duplicate SSC certificate to Sri Nooli Surya Prakash. The chemical test conducted to the both hand fingers of Sri J.Srinivas, HM the both hand fingers of Sri J.Srinivas, HM yielded positive results. On questioning by DSP, ACB, Eluru, Sri J.Srinivas, HM took out cash from his office front side table drawer and produced before DSP. When compared the serial NOs of the recovered currency notes were found tallied, with those serial numbers and denominations of the currency notes handed over by Sri Nooli Surya Prakash during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on the inner surface of the table drawer yielded positive result. The DSP, Seized the tainted currency notes of Rs. 10,000/-, samples of chemical powder, resulted solutions, seized relevant records and examined the witnesses. The DSP got prepared the Rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. And whereas, Sri J.Srinivas, HM was arrested on 22.10.2020 at 17.30 hours and produced before the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge for SPE and ACB Cases, Rajamahendravaram on 23-10-2020 and was remanded to Judicial custody. Later Inspector took up investigation, examined the witnesses and recorded their statements. The statement U/s 164 Cr.P.C. of Sri Nooli Surya Prakash has been recorded and he fared well.

6. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Josyula Srinivas, worked as Head Master, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda (V) & (M) West Godavari District constitute offences punishable under section 7 (a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018.

7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda (V) & (M) West Godavari District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (Copies of FIR, Pre and Post trap proceedings, statement of witnesses, made up files, Final Report of DG, ACB, AP etc.,) placed before the Government in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master, Zamindar Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda (V) & (M) West Godavari District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

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8. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, School Education Department hereby accord sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Josyula Srinivas, Head Master, Zaminder Nooli Venkata Ratnam Aided High School, Penugonda (V) & (M) West Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under U/s. 7 (a) of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
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